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SUBJECT: SHORTAGE OF WATER MAY AFFECT GRAIN CROP

1. GOI HIGHER AGRARIAN COUNCIL RATIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 26
AMENDMENTS TO FORTHCOMING WINTER SEASON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
PLAN. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INCLUDE INCREASING AREA CULTIVATED
IN WHEAT AND BARLEY IN NORTHERN AREA BY 25 PERCENT IN ORDER TO
COVER SHORTAGE OF WHEAT CULTIVATION IN EUPHRATES BASIN BECAUSE
OF SCARCITY OF RIVER WATER. PROPOSALS ALSO RECOMMENDED
FERTILIZING LANDS AND DIGGING WELLS WITHIN AREA STRETCHING FROM
IRAQI-SYRIAN BORDER ALONG EUPHRATES UNTIL HABBANIYAH LAKE, AND
EXPEDITING COMPLETION OF THARTHAR-EUPHRATES CANAL.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT COUNTRY
FACES WATER SHORTAGE FOR IRRIGATION OF WINTER CROPS FROM
EUPHRATES. LOWRIE

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